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SPECIAL ELECTION

May 18, 2004

Local

VOTERS

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## **PAMPHLET**

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## King County Voter Information

#### **Voter Qualifications**

To register to vote in King County, you must be:

- a citizen of the United States
- a legal resident of Washington state
- at least 18 years old by election day

#### **Registration Deadlines for New Applications**

You may register to vote at any time, but keep in mind that there are registration deadlines prior to each election. In order to vote in an election, you must be registered by mail or through the Motor Voter program at least **30 days** before an election. For the May election, the deadline is April 17, 2004. If you miss the 30-day deadline, you can still register in time for an election if you register **in person**, at your County Elections Office no later than **15 days** before the election. For the May election, the deadline for in-person registration is May 3, 2004. However, you must vote by absentee ballot.

#### **How to Register**

Complete a voter registration form and mail it in according to the instructions described on the form. Forms are available from King County Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division, public libraries, public schools, fire stations, city/town halls and from the King County Elections' Internet web site at www.metrokc.gov/elections/register.htm, click on voter registration form, and select the language version you want.

#### **Keep Your Voter Registration Up-to-date**

If your voter registration record does not contain your **current** name or address, it may affect your voting status. *Note the deadline for changes*. Changes to your name and address must be made **30 days before** an election to legally entitle you to vote using your new name or to vote in the precinct associated with your new address. Use the mail-in voter registration form to send your name or address change to the Elections Office.

#### Absentee/Mail-in Ballots

Any registered voter may vote by absentee/mail-in ballot. You do not have to be ill or "absent" to have a ballot mailed to you.

The request for an absentee/mail-in ballot must be made to the Elections Office (not to the Secretary of State). You may request an absentee ballot as early as 90 days before an election. (No absentee ballots are issued on election day except to hospitalized voters or as replacements for lost absentee ballots previously issued.)

One-time absentee ballot requests may be made either by phone, fax, email or by regular mail. You may also sign up to receive an absentee ballot for all future elections. Just check the "Yes" box in the Ongoing Absentee Voter Request section of the Mail-in Registration Form or complete and send in a signed Absentee/Mail-in Ballot Request Form. A copy of which is provided in this voter pamphlet.

If you do not receive your absentee ballot or you have lost it, please notify the Elections Office at the telephone numbers, mailing address or email address listed below. Voted absentee and mail-in ballots must be signed and postmarked or delivered to the Elections Office **on or before** election day.

If you have already requested or have a permanent request for an absentee/mail-in ballot on file, please do not submit another application.

#### **Election Date and Poll Hours**

This election takes place on May 18, 2004. The polling places are available for voting from 7:00 in the morning and continue until 8:00 in the evening on election day.

#### **Services and Additional Assistance**

If you have questions concerning election related matters, voting, ballots, or locating your polling place, please contact King County Elections Office at the following telephone numbers or addresses:

**Phone** - 206.296.8683 or TTY 206.296.0109

*Mail* - King County Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division

King County Administration Building

500 4th Avenue Room 553, Seattle, WA, 98104

*Internet* - http://www.metrokc.gov/elections, email — elections@metrokc.gov

Available in alternate formats.

# Fire Protection District No. 16 Proposition No. 1

### Official Ballot Title

## **Explanatory Statement**

#### PROPOSITION NO. 1 AUTHORIZING PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 16 adopted Resolution No. 03-21 proposing to levy a regular property tax of One Dollar and 00/100 (\$1.00) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) of assessed value upon all the taxable property within the District in 2004 for collection in 2005. This shall not be construed to authorize an excess levy and shall be subject to otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations.

Shall the proposition be:

| $\bigcirc$ | APPROVED |
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|            | REJECTED |

King County Fire Protection District 16, your Northshore Fire Department, has placed a proposition on the May 18, 2004 ballot to authorize the property tax levy rate to return to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The proposition is presented to voters pursuant to Initiative 747, which otherwise limits property tax revenue to 101 percent of the previous year's revenue, regardless of the statutorily authorized dollar rate limitation of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation that has been in effect since 1990.

This proposition meets the requirements of Initiative 747, which was enacted by the voters of the State of Washington in November of 2001, mandating that the voters approve any increase in property tax revenue of more than one percent over the previous year.

Approval of this proposition would restore the Fire District's statutorily allowed tax rate and maintain the current level of services provided by Fire District. Rejection of the proposition would lead to the loss of approximately \$650,000 in projected tax revenue in 2005

## Statement for

Your Northshore Fire Department presently collects the equivalent of \$1.47 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide you with continuous fire and emergency medical services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Without passage of this measure these services could be in jeopardy.

Unlike a City the Fire District has only two major sources, the benefit charge and property taxes. Benefit Charges can be no more than 60% of District revenues and cannot be used for capital expenses. Without restoration of the property tax levy Benefit Charges will need to be increased to maintain our fire and emergency medical services. However, this pattern cannot be continued because very shortly the 60% maximum will be reached and services will need to be cut. We as citizens cannot let vital services of this nature be jeopardized.

Restoring the property tax levy will not increase the operating costs of our fire and emergency medical services or result in any type of windfall for the government. The ratio between the Benefit Charge and the property tax levy will be the only thing that will change.

Vote YES to keep fire services strong — let's keep them here for when we will need them.

## Statement against

No Statement Submitted.

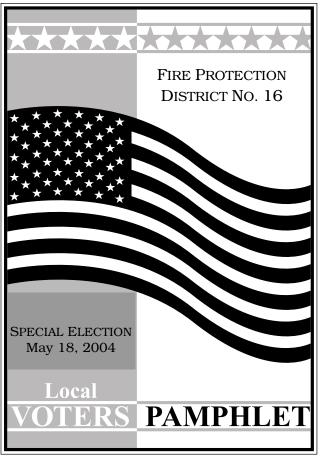
STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Sarah Phillips, Tom Traeger

Mail to: ABSENTEE/MAIL-IN BALLOT 請寄至: 缺席/郵寄選票 King County Administration Bldg., Room 553 500 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

## BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE 選票有英文及中文版本

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